METHOD FOR BINDING A SOFTWARE DATA DOMAIN TO SPECIFIC HARDWARE

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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A copy protection program for securely holding digital audio and/or video content is bound to a particular device via a key derived in part from unique or distinctive hardware, software and/or firmware identifiers within the device and in part from a random or pseudo-random number. The key is checked or rebuilt whenever the copy protection program is employed to access protected digital content, either authorizing/prohibiting such access to the content or enabling/precluding proper decoding of the content. Therefore the digital content need not be directly bound to the device while circumvention of the copy protection is frustrated.

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